Details of captive consumption and quantity supplied to others during the last two years are not available.

(g) 6-APA is open for licensing for all the units. Recently two Industrial Licence applications for the manufacture of 6-APA have been received.

Provision for training of Paramedics in the New Drug Policy

2123. SHRI YELLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether for effective implementation of the new National Drug Policy, due provision would be ensured for training and development of sufficient personnel such as druggists, paramedics etc.;

(b) if so, the details of provisions to be made; and

(c) whether the Drug Policy is being prepared in active collaboration with the nodal Health Ministry in view of their vital interest in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) All Ministries concerned, including the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare are associated in formulating the Policy. All aspects concerned are being discussed.

Purchasing Helicopters for ONGC

2124. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the patriot dated the 4th February, 1986 captioned "Purchasing copters for ONGC a blunder";

(b) if so, what are the details, thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) ONGC do not propose to buy any helicopters themselves. The Helicopter Corporation Ltd. would be providing helicopter support for the oil sector.

2125. [*Transferred to the 18th March,* 1986.]

2126. [*Transferred to the 19th March,* 1986]

Customs duty on bulk drugs

2127. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bulk drugs for vitamin B1 and B2 attract customs duty at the rate of 100 per cent while intermediate drugs required to produce them indigenously are taxed at the rate of 130 per cent, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps being taken to remove the anomaly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Manufacture of Vitamin B1 and Vitamin B2 is reserved for Public Sectors. Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking is engaged in the production of both these drugs from basic stages and they do not require the import of intermediates.

(b) Does not arise.

New Post Offices in the Bihar Circle

2128. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that not a single new Post Office was opened in Bihar Circle till date in the year 1985-86 though